

Amendments to Specification

Please change page 6, line 14 to page 7, line 6, as follows:

In a continuous processing apparatus of the present invention embodying the above continuous processing method, a liquid-form raw material, such as a liquid-form food, is continuously processed by using a supercritical or subcritical fluid. The apparatus includes a raw material supply path or section for continuously supplying a liquid-form raw material; a carbon dioxide supply path or section for continuously supplying liquefied carbon dioxide; a dissolution portion or section for dissolving liquid carbon dioxide supplied through the carbon dioxide supply path in the liquid-form raw material supplied through the raw material supply path; a holding portion or section for holding, for a predetermined time, the liquid-form raw material into which the liquid carbon dioxide has been dissolved; a critical process portion or section for taking out the liquid-form raw material, into which the liquid carbon dioxide has been dissolved, from the ~~solution~~ dissolution portion and holding it under predetermined temperature and pressure conditions to thereby allow carbon dioxide to be a supercritical or subcritical state; and a decompressing portion or section for suddenly decompressing the liquid-form raw material having passed through the critical process portion to remove carbon dioxide and collecting a product.